

## FRATERNAL GATHERING IS GROWING

Folly 300 Fraters Flock to I. O. O. F.  
Grand Encampment; Morning Session  
Devoted to Business With  
Patriarch Plato Presiding

## BANQUET AT COLLEGE IS FEATURE TONIGHT

Visiting Ladies are Entertained by Local  
Rebekahs With Reception and  
Luncheon; High Degrees are  
Conferred on Candidates

The Patriarchs and Chevaliers of Odd Fellowship are still flocking to Chickasha. The evening train yesterday brought many while the morning trains today added still more, swelling the total attendance to fully 300 when the business session of the state encampment convened this morning at Odd Fellows' hall, Fourth street and Kansas avenue.

This morning at 9 o'clock the Grand Encampment formally opened with practically every grand officer present. Grand Chief Patriarch Frank Plato presiding.

The entire morning session of the encampment was devoted to business, the receiving of reports from committees already appointed and the appointment of other committees on special work.

Following the noonday luncheon the Chevaliers and Patriarchs assembled again in their hall and conferred upon a number of candidates the Patriarchal and Golden Rule degrees of the order. This work was finely exemplified by the degree staff of Guthrie, the finest and best drilled staff for degree work in the state.

At 5 o'clock the visiting Rebekahs were escorted about the city of Chickasha and its environs, on a sight-seeing tour by the local ladies of that order.

The reception tendered the visiting Patriarchs and Chevaliers, at the Oklahoma College for Women, was postponed from 5 o'clock to 6 o'clock. At that hour the members of the fraternity will assemble at the college as guests of President Austin, his corps of teachers and the students.

Following an informal reception, during which time all departments of the college will be thrown open to the visitors, the guests will be entertained at an elaborate banquet at which the spirit of good fellowship will prevail and the hour be devoted to enjoyment.

Returning to the Odd Fellows hall at 8:30 o'clock, the grand encampment will go into secret session and the Royal Purple degree will be conferred upon a class with the assistance of the Guthrie degree staff.

After the work of the evening the day will close with an informal smoker and reception in the hall.

Last night was a marked event in the history of the present encampment. Following a most pleasant afternoon, during the hours of which the local ladies of the degree of Chivalry tendered a reception to the visiting ladies of that degree, the hall was crowded with visitors who came to see the conferring of the Degree of Chivalry.

At 9:30 o'clock last evening Evergreen Rebekah lodge, Chickasha lodge No. 44 and Washita lodge No. 618, tendered a reception to which the public had been invited. A large number of Chickasha citizens availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by this invitation to turn out and mingle with those who had become familiar with the journeyings of one of the largest secret societies of the world.

The Degree of Chivalry was publicly conferred, while nine Rebekahs received the honor of the "Decoration of Chivalry," conferred by Department Commander, Brigadier General A. L. Hollingsworth, of Chickasha, assisted by Canton Chickasha No. 2.

The evening's entertainment was greatly enhanced by a most pleasing program rendered by Chickasha Rebekahs. This program follows:

Instrumental solo, Miss Ruth Williamson.

Yesterday evening, preceding the reception and work at the hall, Canton Chickasha entertained the Ladies of the Decoration of Chivalry at a banquet served at the Geronimo. Covers were laid for twenty-five guests. Mrs. George Lutz acted as toastmistress of the occasion and a number of the ladies responded to toasts in a happy vein.

## NOTABLES OF ORDER AT MEET

J. B. A. Robertson, grand sire of Odd Fellows of the World, arrived in Chickasha this morning coming in over the Frisco.

Judge Robertson was driven from the railway station directly to the Odd Fellows hall, corner Fourth street and Kansas avenue. Upon his arrival at the hall, Judge Robinson was greeted with an ovation which continued for several minutes.

Judge Robertson addressed the assembled Chevaliers and Patriarchs, speaking along lines of vital interest to Odd Fellowship. The address was brief.

Among the prominent Odd Fellows who are present at today's session of the grand encampment are J. B. A. Robertson, grand sire, Oklahoma City; R. A. Scofield, grand high priest, Muskogee; G. W. Bruce, grand secretary, Guthrie; Henry Herwig, grand scribe, Guthrie; Frank Plato, grand patriarch, Chickasha; D. A. Nesbit, past grand patriarch, Ardmore; W. W. Taliaferro, past grand patriarch, Ardmore; Henry Kimble, member of finance committee, Ardmore; William Noble, past grand recorder, McAlester; William Frey, past grand patriarch and in line as a possible grand representative to the southern grand lodge this fall, Perry; (Mr. Frey was formerly mayor of Perry); R. A. Brown, editor of the Oklahoma Odd Fellow, Waukomis, and a number of others. Owing to serious illness A. M. Poes, grand treasurer, of Pauls Valley, has been unable to attend the encampment.

## STERN COURT CUTS NANCY'S CASE SHORT

Nancy Jenkins is more or less well known in the Chickasha police court, principally, more, Nancy is a resident of "Two" street.

Last night Nancy went forth on a lamborne which wound up in cell No. blank in the police station. This morning when Nancy's case was called in the municipal court, she appeared both in proper person and by attorney. Her attorney was "Shorty" Fletcher, the negro lawyer now out on bonds charged with having recently made a target of his sweetheart in a piece of pistol practice.

When the case was called for trial Shorty asked Judge Coffman to be permitted to retire with his client for a brief consultation. Request granted. Then, after having consulted with the redoubtable Nancy, Shorty asked the judge to step outside with him for a minute or so in order that they might talk over the matter.

And the judge said, "Never mind the comedy; you are cutting a mighty small piece of ice in this court. What do you say, Nancy, guilty or not guilty?"

"But your honor—" expostulated the negro lawyer.

"Guilty? All right. \$8. Take her back to jail, sergeant. Shorty, you'd better beat it while beating's good. You're not running this court. Call the next case, sergeant."

## LEG BROKEN IN RUNAWAY.

A horse attached to a light buggy and driven by John McCarty, of the Palace livery, became frightened and ran away this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. At the corner of First street and Iowa avenue Mr. McCarty was thrown from the buggy and suffered a compound fracture of the right leg below the knee. The Schow ambulance was called and the injured man removed to the Chickasha hospital. Authorities at the hospital stated, shortly after Mr. McCarty's arrival there that the fracture was of so serious a nature that amputation would be necessary.

## CAVALRY IN CHASE FOR VILLISTAS

Flying Columns Pursue Bandits After  
Three Supposed Scouts are Killed  
at Ranch; Efforts to Incite  
Anti-American Feeling

## ZAPATISTAS WRECK TRAIN IN MEXICO

Crash Through Burned Bridge with Several  
Fatalities; Carranza Paymaster and  
American Citizen are Robbed;  
Another Disaster Reported

By United Press.

Columbus, N. M., May 16.—Following the killing of three Villistas at a ranch Sunday, flying cavalry detachments today are pursuing a band reported to consist of seventy Villistas who are fleeing toward the hills west of the ranch. Mexican natives said the Villistas killed were scouts headed for Columbus.

The abandonment of San Antonio as a base was apparently a signal for the renewal of activity by Villista recruiting officers who are attempting to incite anti-American feeling among the native population south of Dublin.

## Wreck and Robbery.

By United Press.

Laredo, Tex., May 16.—The engineer, fireman, a coal passer and two other persons who were riding the tender were killed and passengers were robbed when a train was wrecked by Zapatistas at a point between Palma Gonzales and Queretaro. The engine went through a burned bridge. It is reported that a Carranzista paymaster was robbed of thirty thousand dollars worth of a new issue of paper money and that an American named Hill was robbed of three thousand in gold. It is also reported that the robbers secured silver to the amount of \$20,000.

The private car of Charles Douglas, one of Carranza's attorneys, was not molested. William Dosedale, of Chicago, who arrived here today, told the story of the wreck. The survivors were taken to Celaya but fled when fighting was reported nearby, going toward the border of Queretaro.

## Disaster Near Mexico City.

By United Press.

Laredo, Tex., May 16.—According to reports received here, one hundred and fifty-five passengers were burned to death and the train guard annihilated when a train carrying about one thousand persons was wrecked at Ayusco near Mexico City. The survivors reached Mexico City.

## Scott's Report Optimistic.

By United Press.

Washington, May 16.—The cabinet today formally considered Gen. Scott's report optimistic on his conferences with Gen. Obregon.

It is understood that members of the president's official family believe that a satisfactory working agreement between the two nations is practically agreed upon. The only uneasiness felt is regarding the Tampico situation.

## RUSH SP. SCHOOL BONDS ARE SOLD

Treasurer Mullican this morning received a draft from George W. and J. E. Pearson, of Oklahoma City, in the sum of \$12,870.82, representing the purchase price, at par, of the premium of \$187.50 and three months interest amounting to \$183.33 added, of the \$12,500 bonds recently voted by Rush Springs school district No. 68.

The bonds were voted for the purpose of supplying the funds with which to defray the expenses of building an addition to the school edifice in district 68. Treasurer Mullican has placed the amount of the draft to the credit of the school district's building fund subject to disbursement by warrant upon order of the board.



Company A of the Sixth Infantry in the trenches which they have made at their camp near Las Cruces.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight, continued cool;  
Wednesday, fair.

## Local Temperature.

During 24 hours ending 8  
a. m. today:  
Maximum, 71; minimum, 42.

## ARREST OF CASEMENT DESCRIBED

By United Press.

London, May 16.—At the hearing in the Bow Street court today, the arrest of Sir Roger Casement, accused of treason, was described. Daniel Bailey, a co-defendant with Casement, was also in court.

As brought out by the testimony, John McCarthy, a farmer, really discovered the landing of the expedition on the Irish coast. He noticed an overturned boat, also footprint in the sands, and notified the troops in the vicinity. The beach was surrounded and Casement was arrested in an old fortress.

When he was arrested Casement made a strong protest but he sobered down when told that two of his confederates had been drowned.

Michael Hussy corroborated the testimony of McCarthy. Mary Gorman, a pretty servant, identified Casement as the man whom she saw emerging from the water.

## PROGRAM OF H. S. EXERCISES

Following is the program of the closing exercises of the Chickasha public schools:

Inter-society Contest, high school auditorium, Tuesday, 8:15 p. m., May 16th.

Eighth Grade Exercises, high school auditorium, Wednesday, 8:15 p. m., May 17th.

Senior Class Exercises, high school auditorium, Thursday, 8:15 p. m., May 18th.

Commencement Exercises, high school auditorium, Friday, 8:15 p. m., May 19th.

Commencement address by Rev. Lawrence L. Cohen.

## THREE PRISONERS ARE TAKEN TO ROAD GANG

The following county convicts were taken to the road gang yesterday: Bill Mobley, 39 days for assault; Alex Thompson, 59 days for stealing a shot gun; B. A. Koonz, 90 days for theft of clothing.

## FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Through her attorneys, Holding and Herr, Mrs. Lorena Wright today filed suit in the district court for divorce from her husband, A. B. Wright. Petitioner alleges that she and defendant were married in 1892 at Durant. She alleges abandonment.

## FLEET OF GERMANY TO FIGHT?

Rumored Warships are Leaving Base;  
Hindenburg to Renew Drive on Russians; Austrians Fall Back  
Before Italian Defensive

By United Press.

London, May 16.—Rumors came today in dispatches from Copenhagen to the effect that the German fleet is leaving its base at Kiel, where it has long been bottled up. The reports were vague and no confirmation of them was received.

Dispatches from Petrograd state that Marshal von Hindenburg is apparently preparing for a renewal of his drive on Riga.

These reports caused a revival of rumors that the Germans are about to begin a great land and sea drive against the Russian seaport of Riga.

## Abandon Positions.

By United Press.

Rome, May 16.—The Austrians are abandoning their advanced positions before Roveto, expecting an Italian offensive up the valley of the Adige river to Trent.

According to reports received here, three hundred thousand Austrians are concentrated on the Trentino and Tyrol front.

## Repulse French Attacks.

By United Press.

Berlin, May 16.—The Germans repulsed several French attacks on Hill No. 304 northwest of Verdun, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, according to the official statement issued today.

## French General is Killed.

By United Press.

Paris, May 16.—General Marchand was killed in battle, according to dispatches received today.

## PROTEST SEIZURES

By United Press.

Washington, May 16.—It is learned that the United States government showing that over a million pieces of American mail have been seized by Great Britain.

The state department is preparing to dispatch a protest to England next week.

## SOME HOGS MARKETED.

This morning William Bryan marketed in Chickasha 67 head of fat hogs which netted him the neat little sum of \$1,250.48. Mr. Bryan resides west of Chickasha. The hogs were bred and raised by him on his farm.

## APPLIES TO COURT FOR GUARDIANSHIP LETTERS

Application was filed with Judge Davenport, of the county court yesterday, by R. S. Osborne, for guardianship papers in the matter of Carl Additude, a minor.

## ADDRESS IS DELIVERED BY DWYER

Oklahoma Bankers' Association Meets;  
President Reviews Financial Conditions;  
Federal Reserve System Prevents  
Panic from Coming With War

## ADVOCATES POLICY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Declares Army of Half Million Men and  
Adequate Navy Needed; Favors  
Enforcement of New Usury  
Law to Letter

Special to the Express.

Oklahoma City, May 16.—The Oklahoma Bankers' association convened here today, meeting at the Liberty theater. Col. T. H. Dwyer, of Chickasha, president of the association, called the convention to order shortly after 10 o'clock.

Following the invocation, the address of welcome was delivered by A. E. Vaught, president of the Oklahoma City chamber of commerce, John J. Gerloch, president of the Gerloch bank, of Woodward, responded. After the close of Mr. Gerloch's remarks, President Dwyer delivered his annual address.

"Circumstances extraordinary and without precedent in the history of the world surround us," said Mr. Dwyer. "One searches the pages of history in vain for anything similar to the condition of mankind today. More than one-half of the civilized world has been engaged for nearly two years in a conflict that is breaking down the accomplishments of centuries, and setting back the hand on the dial of time perhaps a thousand years."

The speaker stated that one of the worst features of the titanic struggle was that it was serving to break down our faith in humanity and to arouse a serious doubt in our ability to advance beyond the stage of barbarism. Continuing the speaker said in part:

## Panic Averted.

"As bankers we should be specially thankful for the record of the past year. If we doubted the wisdom of the new federal reserve system at the time it was adopted, if some of us still think that the system could be simplified and rendered less expensive, without being less useful, we still must bear in mind, with due gratitude, that had it not been for this new financial system the tremendous shock of the present world disaster would, in all probability, have caused a financial panic in this country that it might have taken a decade to eliminate from consideration. It is indeed phenomenal that in the face of this world crisis it has been possible for the banking business of this country to enjoy security and prosperity, and we must, if we are honest with ourselves, give a reasonable measure of credit for this fortunate situation to the new currency system which was adopted just in the nick of time to be of use in this epoch making period."

## America Dominates.

"American financiers now dominate the money markets of the world. We have been piling up wealth in this country at a tremendous rate at the very time when the nations of the world have been wrecking their fortunes. Hence, in comparison with them we have taken the lead at double pace and the distance we are now in advance of the Old World peoples is impossible to estimate. The supply of funds in the banks is well in excess of the demand, but lenders are displaying considerable conservatism notwithstanding their very logical desire to find employment for tale capital and make it productive of income. Warnings against the dangers of inflation and over-extension of credit have been quite generally heeded. Bankers fully recognize the wisdom of exercising great care in view of present conditions, they realize that the time may not be far distant when the available supply of loanable funds for legitimate and constructive enterprise, is heavily drawn upon."

Referring to conditions through

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